

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Figures 3, 4 and 6. In amended Figures 3 and 4, concentric tube 56 of a center fuel injector nozzle is properly labeled. In amended Figure 6, the bluff body is properly identified with reference numeral 160 (rather than center fuel nozzle 132). No new subject matter has been added to this application.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet(s)

Annotated Sheets Showing Changes to Figures 3, 4 and 6.

REMARKS

The indication of allowability of claims 3 and 5 to 7 is appreciated. These claims have been revised to be independent claims.

The rejection of claim 4 as being indefinite is traversed because the disclosed embodiment shows a center nozzle having both a plurality of fuel nozzle outlets and a bluff body. For example, Figure 7 shows a center nozzle having a bluff body and fuel injectors on spokes 66. Figure 6 has been amended to properly identify the bluff body that is shown in end view in Figure 7.

The rejection of claims 10 to 18 as being indefinite has been overcome by amendment. Claims 4 and 10 to 18 should be allowed or at least indicated to be allowable because they are rejected solely for indefiniteness.

The rejection of claims 24 to 26 is moot as these claims have been cancelled.

The rejection of claims 1, 2, 8 and 9 as being anticipated by Ishiguro et al (US Patent 6,047,551) is traversed. Independent claim 1 has been amended to require the center fuel nozzle to have a bluff body at the centerline of the center fuel nozzle. Ishiguro does not disclose a center bluff body in the center fuel nozzle, a center fuel nozzle that is smaller than the outer nozzles or a pre-mix combustor operating mode. Accordingly, there is no anticipation.

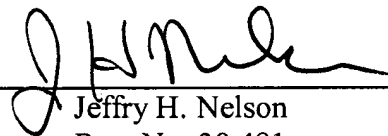
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All claims are in good condition for allowance. If any matter remains outstanding, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned representative. Prompt reconsideration and allowance of this application would be appreciated.

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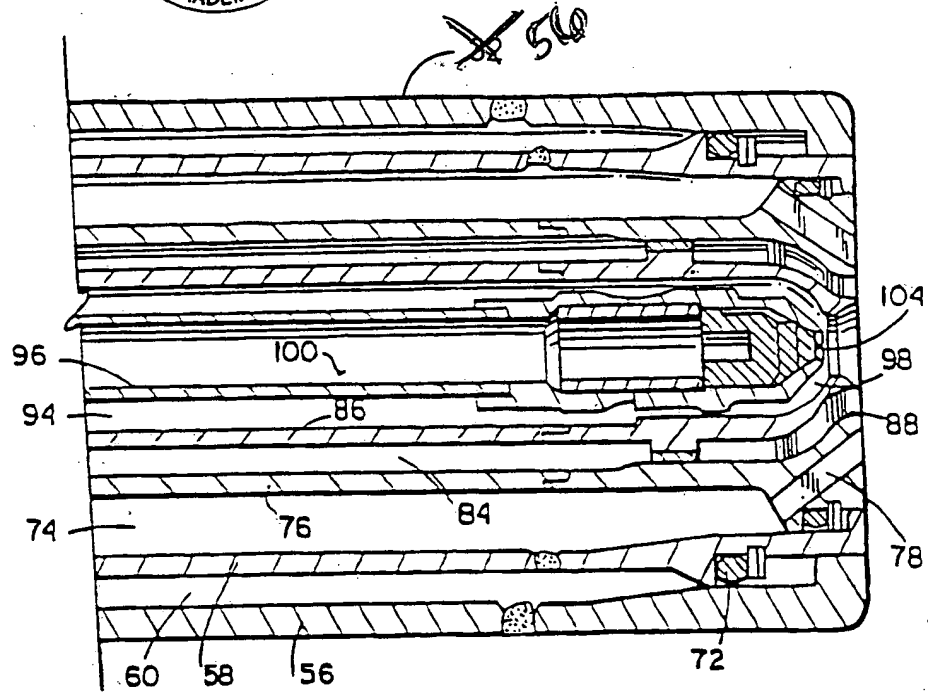


Fig. 3
(PRIOR ART)

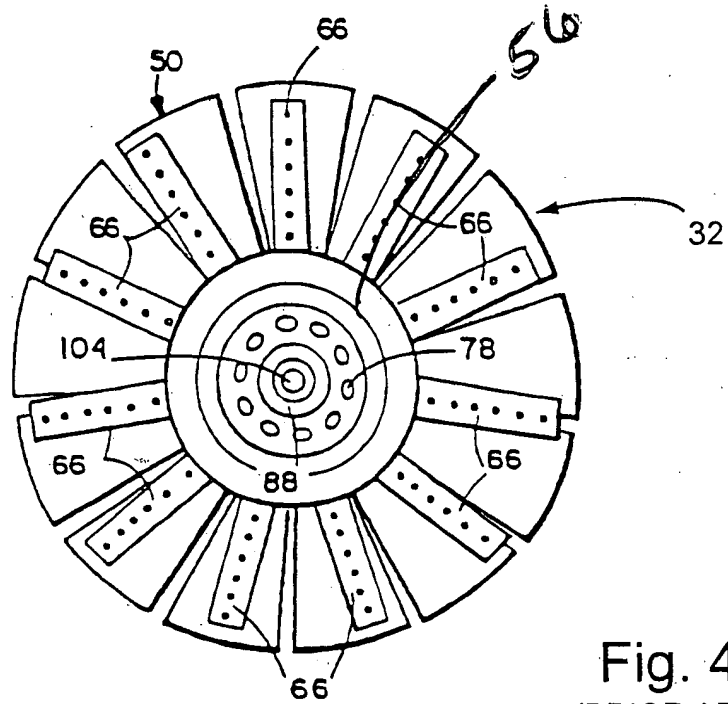


Fig. 4
(PRIOR ART)

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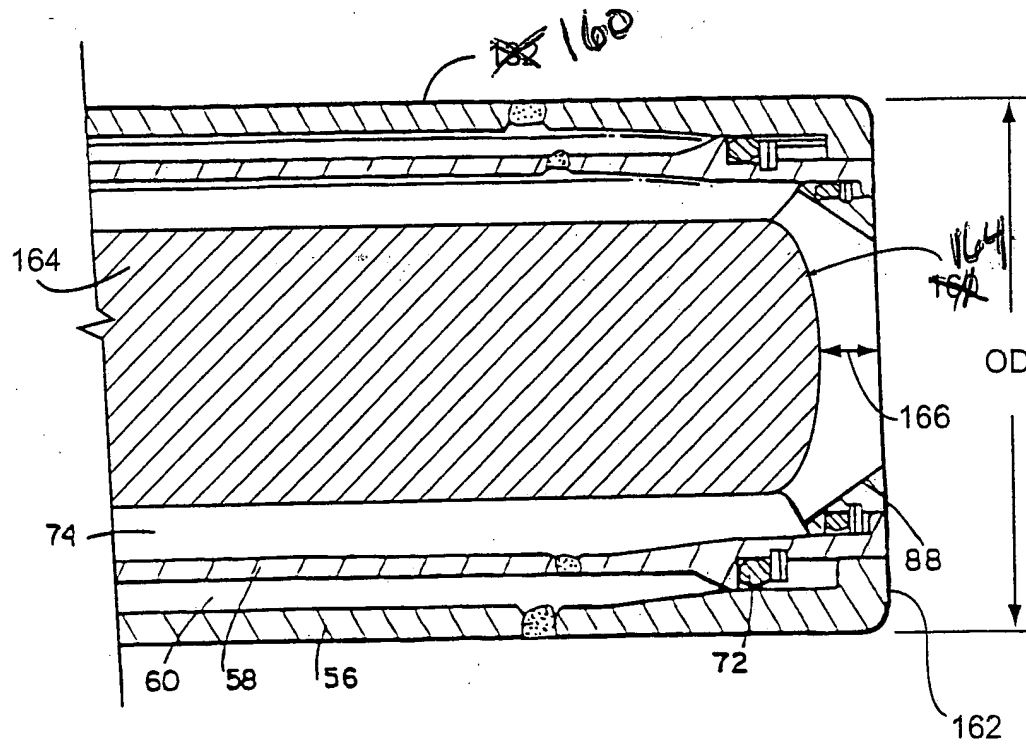


Fig. 6

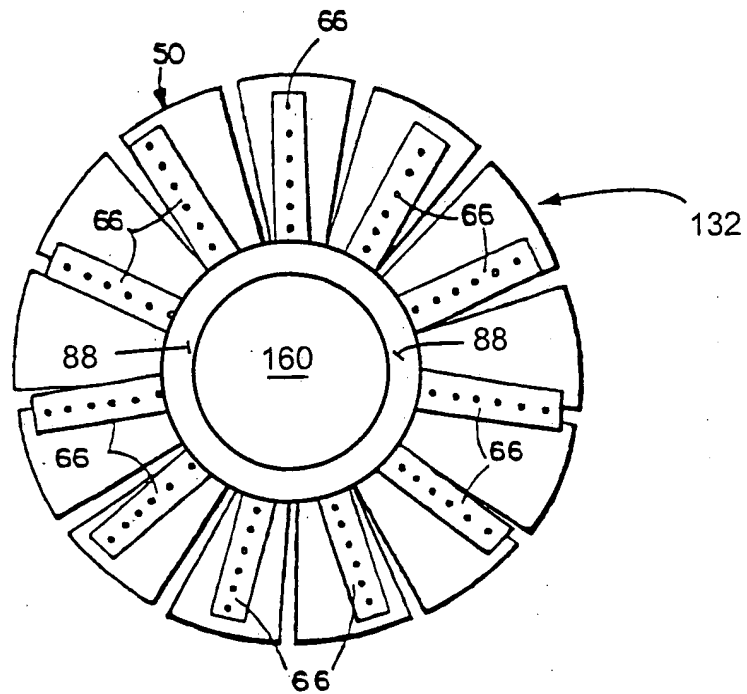


Fig. 7